

knelt beside the litter, which had been

placed with its ends on boxes to allow

the center to swing free. He made as

thorough an examination as was possible under the conditions, then arose

and stood looking down upon the

young woman with something like admiration in his sober, professional

"Perfect physique," he said as

though to himself. . . "She will have to undergo an operation." he told

Dale. "The bone there is broken in slightly, making a compression; she will doubtless be unconscious until the

pressure is relieved. But she has fine chances for a quick and entire recov-

ery, with a good surgeon on the job, so there's not much ground for worry."

Date was glad. They were all glad. Ben Littleford laughed nervously in

his sudden joy. He went down to his

in a way that was pitiful.

dressed and went to bed.

hastened up to him.

give you some news,"

When Dale went down to the lobby

"Guilty," smiled McLaurin. "I got

Bobby," Dale replied. "For one rea-

"Is there a romance connected, Bill?"

"Who can tell?" Dale shrugged a

"All right," McLaurin drew his

friend toward a pair of empty chairs.

"I married Patricia Clavering the day

"We were married in an automobile,

"Not yet," smiled Dale.

little. "Tell me the news."

before yesterday. We-"

"Bully! Go on."

"But soon?"

CHAPTER I.—Young Cariyle Wilburton Dale, or "Bill Dale," as he elects to be known, son of a wealthy coal operator, John K. Dale, arrives at the Haifway Switch, in eastern Tennessee, abandoning a life of idle case—and incidentally a bride, Patricia Clavering, at the altardetermined to make his own way in life. He meets "Babe" Littleford, typical mountaineer girl, "By" Heck, a character of the hils, takes him to John Moreland's home. Moreland is chief of his "clan," which has an old feud with the Littlefords. He tells Dale of the killing of his brother, David Moreland, years ago, owner of rich coal deposits, by a man named Cariyle, Moreland's description of "Cariyle" causes Dale to believe the man was his father.

CHAPTER II.—Date arranges to make his home with the Moreland family, for whom he entertains a deep respect.

CHAPTER III.—Talking with "Babe" Littleford next day, Dale is ordered by "Black Adam" Ball, bully of the district to leave "his girl" alone, Dale replies spiritedly, and they fight. Dale whips the bully, though badly used up. He arranges with John Moreland to develop David's coal deposits. Ben Littleford sends a challenge to John Moreland to meet him with his followers next day, in battle. Moreland agrees.

south bound to pass. Date gave his end of the litter to Caleb Moreland, effects of the ether. She would be all "You've come home to stay, haven't better those of the ether. She would be all "You've come home to stay, haven't better those of the ether. She would be all "You've come home to stay, haven't better those of the ether. She would be all "You've come home to stay, haven't better those of the ether. She would be all "You've come home to stay, haven't better those of the ether.

Dale wanted the fast mail stopped, and gave his reasons.

The engineer smoked and consid- following day. ered. It was against rules, Date swore at rules. The engineer said he the conductor stepped to the ground and began to consider.

"Better put her on my train," he said finally, "and take her to Barton's station. There's a good doctor at Bar-

"But this is a case for a surgeon!" impatiently interrupted Bill Dale.

They disagreed. The old trainman agreement not to sleep together—they the color went from his face. was a close friend of the doctor at divided the pillows and lineas evenly, Barton's station. What was the difference between a doctor and a sur- and slept on the floor. geon, anyway?

Dale became angry. "You'll stop the fast-mall for us," he snapped, "or we'll take your d-d red flag and hold her up long enough to put the girl aboard, and you've got | claimed, as they began to shake hands, only half a second to decide which!" | "How did you know I was here, any-

The conductor was obdurate. The way? Your boasted nose for news, mountain men were too hot-headed to eh? bear with him longer. The positions of a dozen rifles underwent a sudden went pale and mentioned the lawbut he agreed to stop the southbound,

As he ordered his flagman up the tracks, the sound of the fast train's whistle came to their ears.

The filer came to a screeching halt with sparks streaming from its wheels. Bill Dale and John Moreland passed the litter and its burden into the baggage car and followed it hastily, and story. I'll phone it in, and then I'll Ben Littleford climbed in after them. John Moreland leaned out of the doorway and ordered his son Luke to pass him his rifle, and Luke obeyed promptly.

son, there is a feud; and if the law knew, it might take a hand-you see, There was a shrick from the whistle, I think there is a better way to take and the brakes were released; the train began to gather momentum. A baggageman approached John Morepublicity. Suppose you forget all land and asked why the rifle. Moreabout it, Bobby. land half closed one keen grey eye If McLaurin was disappointed, he and parted the walnut stock of his kept it well to himself, "They said she was handsome, a

repenter. "Oh, I jest brought it along to see 'at everybody has a straight deal," he drawled-"go on about yore business, mister."

The baggageman went about his

The conductor of the fast train was very unlike the conductor of the northbound. When he had learned something of the circumstances, he insinuated that Date had done exactly the right thing. He would see whether

there was a doctor aboard. Within five more minutes he returned in company with an elderly man wearing a pointed beard and nose

"Doctor McKenzie," he said polite-

ly ; "Mr. ---"

Honest, I'm so happy I'm afraid some-

They see her twice was a meet to show the fill the short is not the same of th

knees beside his daughter, took up lot for you."

one of her limp hands and stroked it

ten minutes before the arrival of the queerly.

It seemed a long time before Itmehis father's new attitude toward him;
his father's new attitude

engineer sat quietly smoking in his right soon, he was reasonably certain. You, Carlyle ?" said the older man, and No, they'd better not see her just then. his voice was filled with pleading. But perhaps they could see her at | "What you did is all right; we'll never some time during the afternoon of the | mention it again, You'll stay, won't you, Carlyle, my boy?"

Dale escorted his two companions "No?" answered the son, a triffe coldto a modest hotel and then put them | Iy in spite of himself, "I've spent all would see the conductor. He did, and | in a room that had but one bed; by | the idle, useless years I'll ever spend, thus throwing them together in a I'm getting ready to develop the coal strange land, he hoped to do some- in David Moreland's mountain."

"David-Moreland's-mountain!" thing toward making them friends. The retired coal magnate breathed Then Dale went to another room, unthe three words in a husky tone. He It may be noted, parenthetically as | put forth a hand and rested it against it were, that John Moreland and Ben one of the huge stone gateposts, as Littleford quickly reached a wordless | though to steady himself, and some of

"You say David Moreland's mountain, Cartyte?" jerklly. tore the odd coverlet exactly in half,

"Yes." "And you-you learned about David the following morning an alert-eyed Moreland?" "Yes." Bill Dale folded his arms! young fellow sprang from a chair and

and stood there looking at his father ! with eyes that accused. "By George, Bobby!" Dale ex-"You know who killed him?" old

Date muttered. "I do, and it was a shame-a black shame."

"Yes, it was a shame, Nobody knows A. W. Davis "Yes, it was a shame, Nobedy knows that half so well as I know it," said John K. Dale. His mouth quivered, John K. Dale. His mouth quivered, He looked downward, looked up again. "Son, you can never say or tnink worse things about me than I have said and thought about it. It was too soon after the operation, they said, for her to see me; then one of the nurses whispered to me that you had brought because, Robert McLaurin was complete the house. change. The conductor immediately had been brought to Braemer's, acci- John K. Dale. His mouth quivered.

slowly down the veranda steps. her, and said that I would find you here. Mrs. Dale was nowhere in sight. She So here I am, Elli, and I want the didn't want to see her son; she didn't even want him in the house. Bill Daie read it all in his friend's downcast "The story mustn't be published, countenance, and it was somehow a

great disappointment, "You'll need money if you're going to develop that coal property," Dale care of that fend. And I am of the the elder was saying. "You haven't opinion that the girl wouldn't like the any money, and those mountain folk haven't any. I'll give you all that's needed. I'll send you mining machin-

needed. I'll send you mining machinery, and expert mining men; I'll—"

"You needn't," broke in the emblittered Bill Dale. "I can get the necessary funds without difficulty. I'll pay the debt myself. You've had a great many years in which to try to make amends, and you haven't done anything. You might have helped the sort of primitive Venus," he winked, the debt myself. You've had a great thing. You might have helped the Morelands without their even knowing that it was you-especially as they seem to have known you by another name-and that's the only way you could have helped them. Here you have one reason why I cannot accept assistance from you; don't you see, father? The Morelands wouldn't have

with her father and 'poor dear Harry' it, and I couldn't lie to them." chasing as like widdire in another car. He motioned to McLaurin, who had Yesterday we went to housekeeping in halted on the lower veranda step in a cute little suburban bungalow, furni- order that he might not overhear, and ture on the installment plan. Her turned and walked away. McLaurin people won't even look at us, Bill! followed, and soon overtook him, But do we care? Bill Dale, I ask you. Bill Dale stopped suddenly and old dear, do I seem to be worrying? faced back to his father.

"Remember that Bobby gets his

mest his with its followers next day, in a way that was putiful.

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Lee Raycraft
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ons interested,
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on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty days after service on them of a copy of said Rill of Complaint and a notice of this order, and that in default thereof, said Rill of Complaint be taken as confessed by each and all of said defendants, and also that within forty days from the date of this order plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county of Gratiot, and that such publication be continued once each week for six weeks in succession; or that plaintiff cause Mary Thomas and to all other persons interested.

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Dated, Alma, Michigan, April 12, 1922.

FRANCIS C. HAYWARD, 17-2w.

City Clerk. The foregoing suit involves the title of lands described as the southwest quarter (14) of section one (1) in the township of Hamilton, Gratiot County, Michigan, and is brought to quiet the plaintiff's title thereto.

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